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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 706
By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to designate September 19, 1998, as "Children's Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, the United States of America observes a "Mother's Day," a "Father's Day" and a "Grandparents Day"; and

WHEREAS, these special observances are also recognized each year in the Great State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, children, education, "Drug Free" programs and many other legislative programs designated for the benefit of children and teens are a priority for the members of this General Assembly and all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, many issues confronting young people today are a direct result of children not receiving enough affirmation, personal attention and quality time from adults and organizations; and

WHEREAS, September is a month now remembered by many for the lives and work and service on behalf of children of Mother Teresa and Princess Diana; and

WHEREAS, it is also the month our children return to school; a month in which churches and other organizations recognize children who are affirmed for growing older and passing into a higher instruction period of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the town of Pleasant View has become the first town in the United States of America to designate a Children's Day; and

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WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to designate a day in honor of our children; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That September 19, 1998, be designated as "Children's Day" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Children's Day celebrations may vary with families, schools, churches, synagogues and other organizations, but affirming children and youth and quality time spent with children and youth should be an important part of "Children's Day".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Tennessee General Assembly strongly urges future state legislatures to designate each third Saturday in September as "Children's Day" in Tennessee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in designating this day in honor of our youth, we also strongly encourage other states, our country and other countries to designate the third Saturday in September as "Children's Day."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.